

## **REMARKS**

Regarding the request for copies of the European and German references cited in the application, applicants submit a copy of European Patent No. EPO 0 915 003 (Wanfluh) and a copy of German Patent No. DE 195 19 588 A1 (Honda) and its U.S. counterpart, U.S. Patent No. 5,503,239.

Regarding the drawings, replacement sheets for Figures 1a, 1b, 2, 3 and 4 have been presented, with revisions as needed. In addition, revisions to the specification have been made, where required.

Regarding Figure 4, additional information has been provided on the drawing itself, including references to angle increments  $\alpha_i$  and  $\alpha_{i'}$ . The explanation of the drawing is on page 6, second paragraph. Further, references to angle increments  $\alpha_i$  and  $\alpha_{i'}$  has been inserted into the last two lines of that paragraph

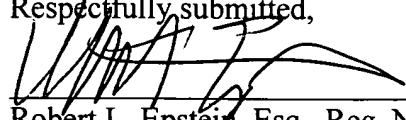
Regarding the specification, the specification has been amended as needed.

Regarding the lack of support for the limitations of claim 3, see page 8, second paragraph; for the limitations of claim 6, see page 7, end of first paragraph; and for the limitations of claim 7, see the last three lines of page 7.

Regarding the rejection of claims 1-11 under 35, USC 112, second paragraph, the claims have been amended to overcome the problems noted.

With respect to claim 3, the second and third range limitations from that claim have been deleted and now appear in new claims 12 and 13, respectively.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert L. Epstein, Esq., Reg. No. 26451  
EPSTEIN DRANGEL  
BAZERMAN & JAMES, LLP  
60 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 820  
New York, New York 10165  
Tel. No.: (212) 292-5390  
Fax. No.: (212) 292-5391

RLE/mbv  
Enclosures